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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, UN
SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24(C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 153477

1. DCM CALLED ON FOROFF DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS KANIE TO DISCUSS C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, USING FRENCH TRANSLATION OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. KANIE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM IVP VISIT IN U.S., WHICH INCLUDED A TRIP TO PUERTO RICO WHERE HE TALKED WITH GOVERNMENT AND OPPISITION FIGURES. HE WAS AWARE OF MAJORITY DESIRE IN PUERTO RICO TO MAINTARC COMMONWEALTH STATUS. KANIE ALSO SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. EFFORTS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN UN ON THIS ISSUE, AND BELIEVED IVORY COAST WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN SUPPORTING U.S. POSITION.

2. KANIE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN PROCESS OF IMPROVING U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS, AND SPECULATED ABOUT POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA. DCM POINTED OUT THAT CUBAN PRESENCE IN AFRICA WAS ONE OF FACTORS COMPLICATING DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-CUBAN TIES. KANIE SAID IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS IF U.S. DESIRE TO "NORMALIZE" RELATIONS WITH CUBA WOULD INVOLVE SACRIFICE OF FRIENDLY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. DCM NOTED PARAGRAPH IN SECRETARY'S
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ADDRESS ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS: QUOTE OUR RELATIONS WILL BE CLOSEST WITH THOSE NATIONS WHOSE VIEWS AND ACTIONS ARE MOST CONGRUENT WITH OURS...WHEN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF A FRIENDLY STATE IS THREATENED WE WILL RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE. KANIE FOUND THIS PARTICULARLY REASSURING. STEARNS

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